

## 5A GRAMMAR distancing

a Rewrite the sentences with *It* + clause.

1 The government appears to be planning to raise taxes.

*It appears that the government is planning to raise taxes.*

2 Men seem to be more at risk from this disease than women.

3 She appears to have changed her mind since I last spoke to her.

4 You seem to be unable to deal with this problem effectively.

5 The weather seems to be about to improve.

6 The robbers appear to have been wearing face masks.

b Rewrite the sentences beginning with the **bold** phrases.

1 It is thought that **the finance minister** is about to resign from his post.

*The finance minister is thought to be about to resign from his post.*

2 It is expected that **a spokesman** will make an announcement later today.

3 It is believed that **more than half of the population** suffers from headaches.

4 It is said that **St Petersburg** is one of the most majestic cities in the world.

5 It is thought that **at least 70 people** have been injured as a result of the explosion.

6 It is expected that **the economy** will grow over the next six months.

### activation

c You are a TV newsreader. Use the following pieces of gossip to prepare an official news report about a famous actress, Blanche Devoy. Be careful to distance yourself from the people's claims using a range of structures from **a** and **b** above.

*Actress Blanche Devoy was said to be close to a nervous breakdown last night.  
It has been suggested that...*

She's close to a nervous breakdown because the paparazzi follow her everywhere.

Her husband Jeff left her last week, and she was seen at a party last night with another man.

Jeff's going to file for divorce and Blanche won't have anything left after she's paid the lawyers.

Blanche doesn't have any real friends, only people who want to be famous like her.

The box office earnings for her new film were very low and her career is in ruins.

## 5B GRAMMAR unreal uses of past tenses

**a** Circle the correct answer, **a**, **b**, or **c**.

- 1 That boyfriend of yours is useless. Isn't it time \_\_\_\_ a new one?  
**a** you found  
**b** you find  
**c** you had found
- 2 If only our neighbours \_\_\_\_ a dog, life would be much more peaceful.  
**a** wouldn't have  
**b** don't have  
**c** didn't have
- 3 What a lovely view! I wish \_\_\_\_ my camera.  
**a** I brought  
**b** I'd brought  
**c** I've brought
- 4 I'm too tired to go out tonight. I'd rather \_\_\_\_ at home.  
**a** we would stay  
**b** we'd stayed  
**c** we stayed
- 5 If only \_\_\_\_ Mike the car, we'd be able to drive there.  
**a** you hadn't lent  
**b** you lent  
**c** you didn't lend
- 6 Come on, children! It's time \_\_\_\_ to bed.  
**a** you go  
**b** you had gone  
**c** you went
- 7 I'd rather \_\_\_\_ your shoes off at the door, if you don't mind.  
**a** you took  
**b** you take  
**c** you had taken
- 8 I'd love to be able to sing in a choir. If only \_\_\_\_ a better voice!  
**a** I'd have  
**b** I had  
**c** I have
- 9 As soon as I said it, I wished \_\_\_\_.  
**a** I wouldn't  
**b** I hadn't  
**c** I didn't
- 10 Diane thinks it's high time her daughter \_\_\_\_ married.  
**a** had got  
**b** gets  
**c** got
- 11 Those children look freezing. I bet they wish \_\_\_\_ indoors.  
**a** they were  
**b** they had been  
**c** they would be
- 12 As you're busy, \_\_\_\_ we postponed the meeting?  
**a** had you rather  
**b** would you rather  
**c** do you rather
- 13 I'd wear these jeans more often if \_\_\_\_ so tight.  
**a** they were  
**b** they weren't  
**c** they wouldn't be
- 14 If only those people in the front row \_\_\_\_ talking. I can't hear the film!  
**a** would stop  
**b** stopped  
**c** will stop
- 15 I've just had a text from Ann. She'd rather \_\_\_\_ at 6.30, as she's running late.  
**a** we had met  
**b** we were meeting  
**c** we met

### activation

**b** Look at the context and complete each of the sentences in a logical way.

- 1 It's high time \_\_\_\_\_. (parent to teenager)
- 2 I wish you \_\_\_\_\_. (wife to husband)
- 3 I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_. (boss to employee)
- 4 If only our teacher \_\_\_\_\_. (student to student)
- 5 If you hadn't \_\_\_\_\_. (doctor to patient)

## 5A COMMUNICATIVE Managing time

**a** Read the questionnaire and put a tick in one of the boxes for each statement.

	<i>always</i>	<i>sometimes</i>	<i>never</i>
1 I make a list of things I have to do each week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 I leave things to the last minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 I turn off my electronic devices (e.g. smartphone) when I'm working on something important.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 I arrive late for meetings or classes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 I make time to be with my friends and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 I do two or three things at the same time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 I deal with difficult or unpleasant tasks straight away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 I have trouble saying 'no'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 I control my phone, it doesn't control me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 I skip meals or exercise so that I can work or study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 When I have a lot to do, I prioritize tasks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 I work or study on my days off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 When I'm travelling or waiting, e.g. for an appointment, I use the time to work or study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 I'm stressed about the deadlines I have to meet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 My desk is tidy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 I ask for extensions to deadlines.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 I open any emails / messages as soon as they arrive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Thinking about the things I have to do worries me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 I know the time of day I'm most productive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 I find it difficult to find time to relax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**b** Compare with a partner. Give examples to explain your answers.

**c** Work out your score and read your description. Do you agree?

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### Scoring system

**odd numbers** *always* = 2 points  
*sometimes* = 1 point  
*never* = 0 points

**even numbers** *always* = 0 points  
*sometimes* = 1 point  
*never* = 2 points

**0-17** You're a terrible time manager and really need to organize your time more effectively. How about setting yourself some goals and planning what to do each week? If you do this, you'll be able to see what you're doing with your time and you'll know what exactly needs to be done. You'll make more efficient use of your time. Honestly!

**18-30** You sometimes have trouble finding time to relax and switch off from the stress of everyday life. How about developing some new strategies to help you with this? You could start by programming times during the day which are dedicated to checking / answering emails and messages (stick to those times!), or take up yoga or meditation. You'll soon notice the difference and find that you're more relaxed and making more efficient use of your time.

**31-40** Congratulations! You're an excellent time manager and you really do know how to organize yourself and your time effectively. You know exactly where you're going and what needs to be done on a daily, weekly, and yearly basis. Keep on doing what you're doing!

## 5B COMMUNICATIVE Money

● Choose two questions from each section to ask a partner.

### Saving money

- 1 Would you say you are good at saving money? Why (not)?
- 2 Do you have any strategies for saving money, e.g. when you are shopping?
- 3 Are you saving for anything at the moment? What for?
- 4 What factors might influence your decision to keep your money in a specific bank?

### Losing and winning money

Do you know anyone who...

- 1 has been a victim of credit card fraud?
- 2 found that money had been mistakenly paid into their bank account?
- 3 lost or made a large amount of money on the stock market?
- 4 won a substantial amount of money in the lottery?

### Earning money

- 1 Did you have a Saturday job or a summer job when you were younger? What kind of work did you have to do?
- 2 Do you have any skills that could bring you extra income if you needed it?
- 3 How would you feel about earning a lot less than your partner?
- 4 In what jobs do you think people can justify earning huge salaries?

### Spending money

- 1 When you go shopping do you prefer paying with cash or by credit card?
- 2 Do you prefer spending money on things (e.g. clothes, gadgets, etc.) or experiences (e.g. holidays, concerts, etc.)?
- 3 Is there anything you feel guilty about spending money on? Why?
- 4 Have you ever bought something that you now think was a complete waste of money?

### Giving money

- 1 Do you give money to any charities? Which ones? Why did you choose them?
- 2 Where and when do you tend to give tips? What factors influence your decision to give a tip or not?
- 3 Do you ever give money to people begging on the street?
- 4 Do you often give money as a present, e.g. for a birthday or wedding present? Do you prefer being given money yourself, or would you rather have an actual present?

### Borrowing or lending money

- 1 Do you think it's better to borrow money from friends or family?
- 2 Have you ever lent someone some money and never been paid back?
- 3 Do you currently have a bank loan or a mortgage? What for?
- 4 Do you think the government should give young people loans for higher education, or grants (which they don't have to pay back)?



## 5A VOCABULARY 'Time' race

● Work with a partner. You have three minutes to complete the sentences. Don't run out of time!

- 1 Sorry, I can't help you now. I'm a bit \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- 2 Now that she's retired she's got a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_ her hands.
- 3 The actual wedding ceremony had finished \_\_\_\_\_ the time we got there.
- 4 We're going to keep our old car \_\_\_\_\_ the time \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 My sister's never \_\_\_\_\_ time. She's the least punctual person I know.
- 6 I need to take some time \_\_\_\_\_ work to recover.
- 7 My niece was born in the nineties so the Beatles were \_\_\_\_\_ her time.
- 8 Generally speaking, I enjoy living on my own, but \_\_\_\_\_ times I miss having someone to talk to.
- 9 Our honeymoon was fantastic! We had the time of our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 I don't suppose you could \_\_\_\_\_ the time to give me a hand with this report. I'd be eternally grateful.
- 11 I'm not in a hurry for an answer so you can \_\_\_\_\_ your time and think it over for a while.
- 12 We thought we were going to miss our connecting flight, but we made it just \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- 13 I couldn't answer the last question because I \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
- 14 My stepfather's \_\_\_\_\_ me a \_\_\_\_\_ time because he thinks I'm going out too much.
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ time last year we were in the middle of moving house.
- 16 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ time trying to convince him. He'll never change his mind.
- 17 OK, time's \_\_\_\_\_! Stop writing now.
- 18 They're always arguing. It's only a \_\_\_\_\_ of time before they split up.
- 19 I only see my half-brother \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- 20 We can cut across the park to \_\_\_\_\_ time.



## 5B VOCABULARY Money

- Complete the sentence with a 'money' word or phrase so that both sentences mean the same.

- 1 The bank lent me some **money specifically to buy a house**.  
I got a \_\_\_\_\_ from the bank.
- 2 Peter **lent** Luke £100.  
Peter gave Luke a £100 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 She's paying for the car **bit by bit**.  
She's paying for the car in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 My lawyer **charged me** a lot for his services.  
My lawyer's \_\_\_\_\_ for his services were very high.
- 5 It's incredible how expensive a **train ticket** from London to Manchester is.  
The train \_\_\_\_\_ from London to Manchester is incredibly expensive.
- 6 I **gave** my favourite charity **some money** last week.  
I made a \_\_\_\_\_ to my favourite charity last week.
- 7 The **money used** in France and Italy is the same – it's the Euro.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ is the same in France and Italy – it's the Euro.
- 8 **How many** pounds do I get for \$100 today?  
What's the pound to dollar \_\_\_\_\_ today?
- 9 The company **owes** a lot of money.  
The company is heavily \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 **Everything's** more expensive than it was this time last year.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ is higher now than it was this time last year.
- 11 My friend is **incredibly wealthy**.  
My friend's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 I **don't have any money** at the moment, so I can't buy you a drink.  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment, so I can't buy you a drink.
- 13 I don't know how some people can afford to spend three **thousand pounds** per person on a cruise.  
I don't know how some people can afford to spend three \_\_\_\_\_ per person on a cruise.
- 14 If possible, it's best to pay your credit card off **as a sum at one time and not on separate occasions**.  
If possible, it's best to pay your credit card off as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 New clothes are a waste of money and I'd never spend more than ten **pounds** on something to wear.  
New clothes are a waste of money and I'd never spend more than ten \_\_\_\_\_ on something to wear.
- 16 The government **gave me some money** to study abroad.  
I was given a \_\_\_\_\_ by the government to study abroad.
- 17 Luckily I'd **put some money away** in the bank so I could pay to have the roof repaired after the storm.  
Luckily I had some \_\_\_\_\_ in the bank so I was able to pay to have the roof repaired after the storm.
- 18 When I got my new flat I had to pay one month's rent **in advance**.  
I had to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ of one month's rent when I got my new flat.



## 5B SONG Material Girl 3 10 MP3

- Read the song lyrics and think about what the missing words might be (they are all verbs).
- Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.

### Material Girl

Some boys <sup>1</sup> kiss me, some boys <sup>2</sup> h \_\_\_\_\_  
me

I <sup>3</sup> th \_\_\_\_\_ they're OK.

If they don't <sup>4</sup> g \_\_\_\_\_ me proper credit

I just <sup>5</sup> w \_\_\_\_\_ away

They can <sup>6</sup> b \_\_\_\_\_ and they can <sup>7</sup> pl \_\_\_\_\_

But they can't see the light (that's right)

'Cause the boy with the cold hard cash

Is always Mister Right, 'cause we are

#### Chorus

Living in a material world

And I am a material girl

You know that we are living in a material world

And I am a material girl

Some boys romance, some boys slow <sup>8</sup> d \_\_\_\_\_

That's all right with me

If they can't <sup>9</sup> r \_\_\_\_\_ my interest then I

Have to <sup>10</sup> l \_\_\_\_\_ them be

Some boys <sup>11</sup> tr \_\_\_\_\_ and some boys

<sup>12</sup> l \_\_\_\_\_ but

I don't let them <sup>13</sup> pl \_\_\_\_\_ (no way)

Only boys who <sup>14</sup> s \_\_\_\_\_ their pennies

<sup>15</sup> m \_\_\_\_\_ my rainy day, 'cause we are

#### Chorus (x2)

Living in a material world (material)

Living in a material world

(repeat)

Boys may <sup>16</sup> c \_\_\_\_\_ and boys may <sup>17</sup> g \_\_\_\_\_

And that's all right you see

Experience has <sup>18</sup> m \_\_\_\_\_ me rich

And now they're after me, 'cause everybody's

#### Chorus (x2)



- Read the lyrics again. With a partner, discuss what you think the message of the song is.

#### SONG FACTS

This song was originally recorded by Madonna in 1984 and it was one of the songs that made her famous. She was attracted by the song because the lyrics were so provocative, but later she said she hated the fact that 'Material Girl' was used as her nickname.

The music video that was made for the song was based on the classic scene from the movie *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* in which Marilyn Monroe sang *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend* (with Madonna taking the role of Marilyn Monroe). Madonna met her first husband, the actor Sean Penn, on the recording set. The song has been used in several films, such as *Moulin Rouge* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*.